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## Juvenile Justice Services

*Our name has changed but it won't change what we do . . . . .*

*On July 1, 2004, the Division of Youth Corrections became the Division of Juvenile Justice Services. This change is more than cosmetic because it now more accurately describes the breadth of services the Division provides. We work with youth we hope to divert from entering the juvenile justice system through Youth Services, with serious youthful offenders who have been court ordered to secure confinement, and a variety of youth who fall between these two categories.*

*The Division's responsibilities, as well as the number of staff we employ, have grown substantially over the past 22 years. Since its creation in 1981, we have added Detention, Receiving Centers, Day-Night Reporting Centers, Multi-use Facilities and Youth Services.*

*For more information about all services provided by the Division of Juvenile Justice Services, visit our website: [www.jjs.utah.gov](http://www.jjs.utah.gov). This website provides information about Juvenile Justice Services programs and facilities and contact information. We hope you find it informative and useful.*

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# Canyonlands Youth Center Helps Beautify Landscape

By Notah B. Tahy,  
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## Work Crew at Work

The Work Crew Program at Canyonlands Youth Center (CYC) in Blanding, Utah, is thriving and making a contribution to the local community. The work crew is a positive and much needed program to help the youth have a chance to work in the communities and earn hours that are credited against fines that are levied by the courts. The courts have been very co-operative with JJS in this effort. The positive side of the program is the fact that the communities benefit by having a cleaner community without having to pay for the services. This is a savings to the cities, county and surrounding communities. At the same time, the youth realize that it takes effort to keep our environment clean and healthy and they are making a healthy contribution to that effort.

On March 22, 2004, the City of Blanding

asked the work crew to help plant a variety of trees to beautify and give variety to the landscape at the new facility. CYC officials gladly accepted the offer due to the limited personnel available



Canyonlands Youth help with beautification project

from the city of Blanding to do this job.

The youth learned quickly how to work as a team to accomplish the task of planting the trees in the ground. The city personnel dug up the holes with their back hoe and we got started planting the trees. The back hoe was used to lift the trees and lower them into the hole in the ground. One person guided the tree into the ground; two

people cut away the wire basket and the gunny sack that embodied the base of the tree. The next person dumped fertilizer in the hole while it was being filled with dirt. There were other

considerations in planting trees. For instance, the tree had to be a certain depth into the hole and lean slightly in the direction the wind. By the time, we planted our third tree, we had the whole process simplified. Everyone knew their jobs and it didn't take long to plant the trees. The youth who participated in this project were very excited about planting the trees. It has been

at least a month since we helped plant the young trees and the beauty it brings to the park is amazing. They are beginning to bloom and it is exciting to know the youth had a hand in getting them planted.

The CYC Work Crew Program also helped our own Canyonlands Youth Center to install a secondary water system for the use of non-treated water, to supplement the culinary water for the sprinkling system and the garden at the facility.

The CYC Work Crew Program youth dug a trench for the plastic water pipes and helped cover it afterwards.

Canyonlands Youth Center was able to hook up to the untreated water of the City of Blanding. The cost of this water is far less than the culinary water and will result in a substantial savings in the cost of buying culinary water usage.

## Dixie Area Detention Dedicated: Time Capsule Sealed



Dixie Area Detention Center was dedicated on June 4, 2004. The dedication was well attended with a full program of executives including Blake Chard and Malcolm Evans from the Division of Juvenile Justice Services; Robin Arnold-Williams, Director of

Human Services; Board members, Jody Valentine and Eldon Money; and many others. Dixie will serve Washington and the surrounding counties with 32 secure beds. The facility is located in Hurricane, Utah and will house juveniles 10

to 17 years old from Washington and surrounding counties. Dixie will be part of the Office of Rural Programs under the direction of Malcolm Evans. An exciting event took place after the program. A time capsule, designed into the wall of the new center, was sealed. The time capsule contains historical and commemorative items from the Division of Youth Corrections, which was the name of Juvenile Justice Services until July 1, 2004. The Division of Youth Corrections was created in 1981, within the framework of the Department of Human Services. The items enclosed represent the work of many dedicated staff over the past twenty five years.



The capsule will remain sealed for 25 years.

### Need a volunteer? Have news?

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### 2004 Make A Difference Day

*This year's event, to culminate on Saturday, October 23, will be a statewide coat drive. We began collecting coats May 1, 2004. To be part of the fun or for more information contact your local Division Volunteer Coordinator (see above)*



# Weber Valley Supports Crime Victim's Awareness Week

By Donovan Bergstrom  
Weber Valley  
Detention Center

Weber Valley Detention Center was fortunate to have two dynamic speakers come to their facility and talk with the residents during National Crime Victim's Awareness week. Our first speaker, Jerry Meents, grew up in Amsterdam Denmark and was a young boy during the Holocaust of World



Jerry Meents

War II. Jerry vividly describes his experiences with persecution, famine and death by the Nazi regime and how it molded his personality. Jerry moved to Utah as an adult where he started his life as husband, father and local businessman. It was not until Jerry became a grandfather that he was able to tear down the wall of hatred that he had created inside himself. Jerry is a frequent guest speaker at local schools and

other programs where he stresses tolerance and talks about how hatred "dehumanizes" us all. Our second guest speaker was Jamie Filliaggi, a graduate and staff member of Odyssey House of Utah. Jamie provided the residents with a realistic look at how the wrong choices in life can lead to a dead end road. Jamie, no stranger to the court system from the age of 14, was facing a lengthy prison sentence when he was given the opportunity to receive treatment for substance abuse and criminal behaviors at Odyssey House. Jamie chose treatment and has become a productive citizen who is now contributing to the community instead of victimizing those around him. One interesting aspect of the presentation came when Jamie asked how many of the kids used illegal substances and the majority raised their hands. When Jamie asked how many

wanted to quit, only half raised their hands. The kids were given a view of how their lives could end up at ages



Jamie Filliaggi

21, 30, 35 and beyond if they did not take control and make positive changes now. Below are two very different letters, written by youth. Spelling and punctuation are as written.

Dear Jerry  
I would like to thank you for coming to talk to us about your life. You might not remember me, but after your speech you came and hugged me and my friend. I remember you telling us that if we ever need help that we should call you. Well I would like to

ask you that if I could come and work with you or for you, since you own a store, because I would like to change my life when I get out of here. Maybe you can help me change my lifestyle and turn my life into a better one.  
Sincerely your friend Jose

*Jerry, I would like say thank you for your wonderful speach. You are an insperation to not only to me but I think I speak for everyone when I say you have taught us something very inportant. I know now that when I though my life was bad, but really my life is nothing compared t what you have gone through. I am very grateful for you taking the time to come and share with us you life experiences. Thank you again. Your friend, Aubree*

# The Juvenile Justice Services' Website and the Innerweb

By Jeff Wells

Sure, you know about the Internet and the JJS Website: <a href="http://www.jjs.utah.gov">http://www.jjs.utah.gov</a> . But are you aware of the JJS Innerweb and what's available there? To get to the JJS Innerweb: Go to ( <a href="http://www.hs.utah.gov/">http://www.hs.utah.gov/</a> ).	LAN User ID and LAN Password usually are what you type in when you first turn your machine on.) Left click the "Login Button" or hit enter, and you will be taken to the JJS Innerweb.	The "Population Report" contains a monthly and yearly average count of youth in Juvenile Justice Services facilities or programs. Counts for the current date also are avail-able. The "Youth in Custody" selection is a twice-weekly line graph of youth in custody for the last year. The "Secure Facilities" Pressures selection also is a twice-weekly line graph of youth eligible for secure care, youth in secure care, and youth in trial placement from a secure care facility. Data are from July 2002 to present. The "Region Pie Charts" selection is a series of pie charts detailing the percent of youth in various	Division programs for each geographic region and statewide. The "Legal Status Report" selection is a count of youth in different kinds of custody status for each geographic region and statewide. Numbers for each case manager also are detailed. The "Facility by Region" selection is a count of youth in division-run or community placements by region and statewide. All data for these reports are derived from the Juvenile Information System (JIS).
The link to the JJS Innerweb is just below the thick blue line. The blue link is labeled "DHS Employees," between "Contact DHS" and "DHS Disclaimers." Left click on "DHS employees." Clicking the link takes you to the "State of Utah Innerweb Login" page. If the "User ID" field does not already have your LAN (Local Area Network) User ID showing, type it in. Go to the "LAN Password" field and type in your password. (Note: Your	<u>Population Trends</u> On the left side of "Welcome to the Juvenile Justice Services" web page there is a vertical menu bar. On this bar, the second from bottom pick is "Population Trends." Scrolling over or double left clicking "Population Trends" produces the following choices: Population Report, Youth in Custody, Secure Facility Pressures, Region Pie Charts, Status Reports, and Facility by Region.		For more information, call Jeff Wells, 538-4327

## Clinical Team Supports Locked Facilities

Leslie Leatherwood, Psychologist, has recently completed interviews for her team of Social Workers. The group has been assigned to help secure facilities with treatment and crisis intervention.	Chanelle Toyn and Joe Shultz will support Mill Creek Youth Center and the Ogden area; in Salt Lake, Howard Dahle will support Wasatch Youth Center; David Melville will support Decker Lake Youth Center; and in	the Southern part of the State, Annette Adams will support Slate Canyon Youth Center. Dave Fowers, also assigned to the Psychology Unit, will continue to work with Sex Offenders and the	NOJOS Program on a statewide basis. All of the above are serving internships to be licensed and have extensive experience with Juvenile Justice Services' youth and programs.
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# Slate Hosts Easter Dinner for Families of 1457th Battalion Serving in Iraq

By Linda Campbell  
Volunteer Coordinator

Hosting a dinner and Easter egg hunt with families from the 1457th Engineer Battalion was fun and exciting for the youth at Slate Canyon Youth Center, as well as for the families. The husbands and wives of these families have been serving their country in Iraq for over a year, leaving their partners alone to care for their loved ones. Slate Canyon youth decided they could give back to the community by hosting a dinner, providing Easter baskets for the children, having a raffle for blankets and providing some cosmetic products for the wives and mothers. They wanted the families to have a night where they could

forget their worries, spend time with their children and just have fun. The families that Slate Canyon knew about were invited and given the job of getting the word out. They were asked to let others in their circumstances know of the event and to encourage them to come and to bring a friend. Slate Canyon youth served the dinner, provided entertainment. The girl's unit made centerpieces from fresh flowers supplied by Brigham Young University. The soldier's wives were able to take these with them as they left. They came with a good attitude and a desire to hang in there a while longer until their loved one could get home. Several spoke with Fox Television News about the



trials of being alone, raising a family, the lack of money and the worry they all dealt with daily regarding the danger their soldier faced. "We hoped to buoy the spirits of these brave men and women," said Linda Campbell, Regional Volunteer Coordinator. "Never once did they say anything negative about our country or our President. They showed total support. They were willing to make the sacrifice for the good of the country. We just wanted to let them know that our community supports them and their families, and are aware of what they are going through. We are very proud of them."



# Canyonlands Youth Center Shines in Blanding’s 4th of July Parade

What a great way to announce our new name and show off the new logo. Canyonlands has a great work crew, a new Juvenile Justice Services logo and a Assistant Program Director that wants the public to know about both.



Mel Laws, with the help of Canyonlands staff and youth, put together an award winning float for the Blanding Fourth of July parade.



Blanding celebrates the July 4th holiday each year with festivities and a parade. This year, Canyonlands Youth Center chose to be an active participant. Nyle Bennett built a frame and put together the necessary wire to support a float. Mel had the idea and created the design. Christina Cosby and Shannette Handy watched over the work crew as they put the float together and helped with details and design.



“This was really a team effort,” said Mel. “Everyone pulled together. We knew the public would like to see the new logo and needed to know about the name change, so it was a natural design for us to use. The kids and staff worked really hard and the final product shows that.”

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